

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

JAMES R. ARAGON,

Plaintiff,

v.

CV No. 18-1101 JAP/CG

STATE FARM FIRE AND  
CASUALTY COMPANY,

Defendant.

**ORDER SETTING TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE  
AND SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

To facilitate a final disposition of this case, a mandatory settlement conference will be conducted in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(a)(5). The conference will be held on **Monday, November 18, 2019, at 9:00 a.m, in Conference Rooms 1 (203) and 2 (205) of the United States Historic Courthouse, 421 Gold Avenue S.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico**. A telephonic status conference will be held on **Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.** to discuss the parties' positions.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the parties and a designated representative, other than counsel of record, with full authority to resolve the case, must attend in person; counsel who will try the case must also attend in person. All attorneys and parties involved in the settlement conference must treat as confidential the information discussed, positions taken, and offers made by other participants in preparation for and during the conference.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>This does not prohibit disclosures stipulated to by the parties, necessary in proceedings to determine the existence of a binding settlement agreement, or as otherwise required by law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

1. By **November 6, 2019**, each party shall provide to the Court:
  - a. A confidential letter containing an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of its case; and
  - b. An explanation of the current procedural posture of the case and the parties' most recent settlement offers and demands.

These materials may be submitted to the Court by email to [garzaschambers@nmd.uscourts.gov](mailto:garzaschambers@nmd.uscourts.gov).

2. Before **November 7, 2019**, counsel shall confer with one another about their clients' respective positions.
3. On **November 7, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**, counsel shall call Judge Garza's AT&T line at (877) 810-9415, follow the prompts, and enter access code 7467959, for a pre-settlement telephonic status conference.

A party must show good cause to vacate or reschedule the settlement conference. Any such request must provide the Court with sufficient notice to ensure that other matters may be scheduled in the time allotted for the settlement conference.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmen E. Garza', written over a horizontal line.

THE HONORABLE CARMEN E. GARZA  
CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE